

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 22, 2006 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-33 of Milo (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,355). Claims 17-18 and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Galindo (U.S. Patent No. 6,581,991).

As for the rejection over Milo, Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer accompanying this response.

As for the rejection in view of Galindo, claim 17 has been amended to include the language of original claim 18. The Examiner rejected claim 18, but he gave no explanation as to where Galindo discloses a spring latch bolt actuator that occupies the space once occupied by the retracted latch bolt pin actuator. Galindo fails to disclose that the strike elements 60 (spring latch bolt actuator) in the second position occupies the space once occupied by the attack head 140 (latch bolt pin actuator). Accordingly, Galindo does not disclose each limitation recited in amended claim 17, and therefore fails to anticipate claim 17. In view of this, claim 17 and those that depend from it patentably define over the cited reference.

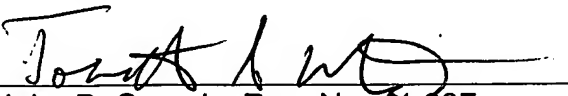
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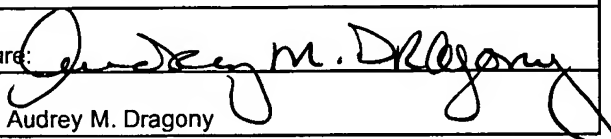
For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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